

Four Steps Towards a Meaningful Career

Veterans Green Jobs partnering
with the California Conservation Corps



Military Veterans - contact
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Determine your career path
to a fulltime position with the
USFS, or determine a path to
higher education.



Have the possibility of getting
hired directly from our USFS
partners through the
VETERANS RECRUITMENT
APPOINTMENT (VRA) –
PUBLIC LAW 107-288



Complete one of the multiple
programs geared to get your
basic qualifications for a USFS
career.



Qualifications:

- Either currently serving as a National Guard or Reserve Member, or received an Honorable, or General Discharge under Honorable Conditions
- Not on formal probation or parole.
- Free of convictions for violent offenses or drug crimes.
- Able to pass background check, drug test, physical exam, and training.
- Willing to work outdoors in all types of weather and emergencies.
- Willing to participate in education programs.

Contacts:

- Veterans ages 18-25 contact: Tina at (916) 341-3123 or email Tina.Ratcliff@ccc.ca.gov
- Veterans ages 26-28: contact Greg at (419) 789-0523 or email snyderg@veteransgreenjobs.org

Useful Links:

- www.ccc.ca.gov
- www.veteransgreenjobs.org
- <http://www.wfap.net/vets.html>



The Position:

This is an exciting opportunity that combines hands-on work experience and skills training in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

Successful candidates will be enrolled in the CCC Veterans Program full-time and receive USFS training in wildland firefighting, chainsaw, tool use, safety, and crew organization. Veterans will work on fuel reduction, forestry and wildfire education projects.

Participants who complete this program may be eligible for the USFS Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program.

What's the possibility of getting a job?

It's what you put into it! We are here to get you all the training you need to be eligible for the USFS Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program in September. During your participation you will be working side-by-side with USFS members who will be training you in fuel reduction to get you the necessary 500 hours of experience to be eligible. In addition, you will receive certification during May at the USFS Training Academy. After completing our program you can apply for seasonal employment as a wildland firefighter working six months and going to college during the off season while collecting unemployment. Otherwise, if you're looking for a fulltime position working on crews of **smokejumpers, heavy equipment operators, engines, HotShots, helitack/helirappelling, and dispatchers** then the apprenticeship program is for you. After working side-by-side with the USFS they will determine who they want in their program based on their commitment, positive attitude, and safe behavior, etc. They will also be hired through the **VETERANS RECRUITMENT APPOINTMENT (VRA) – PUBLIC LAW 107-288**. Notice not all veterans are eligible for the VRA by not meeting one of the following requirements: separated (within 3 years), received an Armed Forces Service Medal, received a campaign badge, received a Global War on Terrorism Medal, or disabled. However, veterans can still be hired through the regular application process, and Greg Snyder, the Veterans Coordinator, is here to assist veterans in finding employment after successfully completing the program.

Benefits:

- Working in the beautiful outdoors.
- Opportunity to earn a fulltime job.
- Your years in the military count towards retirement in the USFS.
- This costs nothing to you.
- We provide you with a monthly living stipend while in the program.

Locations:

- Lake Tahoe & Auburn are Residential Programs (\$325 gets taken out of your paycheck per month and housing and food are provided. The rate is subject to change).
- San Diego & San Bernardino are Non-Residential Programs.